

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

June 2011 – Week 4

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TITLE: LONE STAR CIRCUMNAVIGATOR

JUNE 1931 AND A TEXAS MAGELLAN TAKES OFF.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 23, 1931. LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. A FORMER CIRCUS PERFORMER, WITH ONLY ONE EYE, TEXAN WILEY POST IS AN UNLIKELY HERO.

BORN IN GRAND SALINE, POST LEARNED TO FLY AS A BARNSTORMER AND SOON HE'S SETTIN' SPEED RECORDS.

UPSET A GERMAN ZEPPELIN HOLDS THE RECORD FOR GOING AROUND THE WORLD IN TWENTY DAYS, POST SAYS HE CAN DO IT IN TEN.

TODAY, ALONG WITH A NAVIGATOR, THE ONE-EYED PILOT TAKES OFF IN A PLYWOOD AIRPLANE DUBBED THE WINNIE MAE.

FROM NEW YORK TO ENGLAND, ACROSS RUSSIA, ALASKA AND BACK, POST MAKES THE TRIP IN ONLY EIGHT DAYS – A NEW WORLD RECORD.

IN 1935, POST AND HUMORIST WILL ROGERS, WERE KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH IN ALASKA.

ONE-EYED WILEY CIRCLED THE GLOBE 80 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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